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13 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Chief, Budget Division

SUBJECT: Budgeting for the Monthly Index of Russian
Accessions and the Eastern European Accession List

1. Mr. Paul Borel, Assistant Director for OCR, informed the Comptroller that he had discussed the problem of budgeting for the above two jobs and that the Librarian of Congress had thought that it might be possible for the Library to budget for these, but that it would be necessary to consider the problem in detail. This discussion was held probably during the latter part of May 1958.

2. The policy question of changing the budgeting of the above activities from CIA to the Library of Congress was discussed with Mr. Ecker on 10 June 1958. He stated that they would not be particularly interested in the problem since they included in the President's budget the budget request as received from the Library of Congress without review. Thus if the Library of Congress picked up the estimate for this activity, the Bureau would not be particularly interested in it and their interest would be limited to being assured that CIA's budget reflected an offsetting reduction. I thereupon informed him that this Agency would pursue the matter further with the Library of Congress.

3. A series of telephone calls were made, beginning on 10 June 1958 and ending on 25 July 1958, with Mr. Gooch, Administrative Officer of the Library of Congress, in an attempt to set up a meeting with the representatives of the Library of Congress to discuss this matter. A meeting was finally set up for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 July 1958.

4. A short discussion was held with Mr. [REDACTED] of the IO Division concerning their views of transferring budgeting of the Eastern European Accession List from the IO Division to the Library of Congress. It was their reaction that they were not particularly interested in who budgeted for it, and that the issues that made it essential to have this item budgeted outside the Government was no longer valid. It was stated that Project [REDACTED] that they wished the Library of Congress to employ in connection with this job and that for this reason the original support of this activity by Project [REDACTED] was no longer necessary. Mr. [REDACTED] observed that they were not particularly interested in participating in the meeting with the Library of Congress, but would like to be informed of the outcome of the meeting. He further indicated that the day-to-day liaison was actually carried out by Mr. [REDACTED] Librarian, OCR, rather than through the IO Division or Project [REDACTED]

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5. A meeting was held in the office of Mr. Mumford, Librarian of the Library of Congress, on Wednesday, 30 July 1958 at 2:30 p.m., attended by Mr. Borel, Mr. [REDACTED] and the undersigned from CIA and Messrs. Mumford, Gooch, Rogers (Deputy Librarian), John Cronin (Director, Processing Department), Lewis Coffin (Deputy Director, Processing Department), William Rossiter, Julius Davidson, and Lester Nolan (Reference Department) from the Library of Congress. During this meeting the reasons for current budgeting practices were discussed and the attached extracts of pertinent laws were discussed. The Library of Congress representatives outlined in great detail the criticisms that had been leveled at them during prior hearings for proposing to take on activities which the Appropriations Committees did not feel were their specific responsibilities. In this connection they discussed the printing and sale of Library index cards and stated that they had been criticized on one occasion for carrying on this activity even though it did not cost the Government anything, since the operation was completely self-supporting. Mr. Mumford expressed the opinion that there would be great danger of losing the activity if they attempted to budget it, since if they proposed budgeting for it and it was turned down by the Appropriations Committee, they might be instructed not to perform the activity. If such a situation developed, they would feel that they would not be able to perform it even on a reimbursement basis. In consideration of these views, it was the general consensus that CIA should continue the budgeting for the above activities.

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6. The question was discussed as to the number of aliens now currently employed on this activity who did not meet the legislative requirements for employment in accordance with the attached excerpts of Public Laws. After some discussion among the various representatives of the Library of Congress, they came to the conclusion that employees of the project could be employed by the Library of Congress on Government funds at the present time. In view of this fact, the Agency could reconsider the current policies of internal budgeting for these items (possibly transferring the budgeting of the Eastern European Accession List from the IO Division to OCR). Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. [REDACTED] of 25X1A9a the IO Division was asked to review this question and to advise us if they were concerned with the possible replacement of additional aliens (who would not meet the requirements of the law) on this particular job. [REDACTED] indicated that he would check the matter with the Project and would inform us on their views.

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